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OF USING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 45, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This example discloses that the expression of a cytosolic Smac converts a type II cell cancer to a type I cancer cell. In type II cells, such as breast adenocarcinoma MCF-7 cells, death receptor-induced apoptosis can be blocked by expression of Bcl-2 or Bcl-xL. Whereas, type I cells, such as B lymphoblastoid cell line SKW6.4, are sensitive to death receptor-induced apoptosis even when Bcl-2 or Bcl-xL are expressed. One explanation for this difference is that in